

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Daniel J. Scheerhorn  
Title: SNAP-IN COUPLING ASSEMBLY  
Appl. No.: 10/542,559  
International Filing Date: 1/16/2004  
371(c) Date: 4/20/06  
Examiner: Patel, Kiran B.  
Art Unit: 3612  
Conf. No.: 7031

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 15, 2007, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Invention A, Claims 1-19, for examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Claims 1-19 (Invention A), directed towards a vehicle console;

Claim 20 (Invention B) directed towards a snap-in coupling assembly to include a projection extending from the first component;

Claim 21 (Invention C) directed towards a coupling member to include a first portion and a second portion;

Claim 22 (Invention D) directed towards a method to include inserting a projection, pivoting the two portions and inserting the coupling member.

Restriction was required because the Examiner thought that the inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 15, 2007

By: /James A. Wilke/

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP  
Customer Number: 26371  
Telephone: (414) 297-5776  
Facsimile: (414) 297-4900

James A. Wilke  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 34,279